



State of California
Department of Fish and Game
Ocean Salmon Project - Marine Region



2004 Commercial Ocean Salmon Regulations (Effective May 1, 2004)

OR/CA Border to Humboldt South Jetty:

- Sept 1 - 30 or 6,000 salmon quota
- S all salmon except coho
- S minimum size limit: 28 inches total length (TL)
- S possession & landing limit of 30 salmon per day
- S all salmon caught must be landed within area and within 24 hrs of any closure of the fishery
- S Klamath Control Zone closed
(12 mile square centered on Klamath River mouth)

Horse Mountain to Point Arena:

- July 10 - August 29; September 1 - 30
- S all salmon except coho
- S minimum size limit: 27 inches TL through Aug 31
28 inches TL thereafter
- S all vessels must land and deliver their fish within 24 hrs of any closure of the fishery

Point Arena to U.S./Mexico Border:

- May 1 - August 29; September 1 - 30
- S all salmon except coho
- S minimum size limit: 26 inches TL through Jun 30
27 inches TL thereafter
- S all vessels must land and deliver their fish within 24 hrs of any closure of the fishery

Central Valley Fall Fishery

Point Reyes to Point San Pedro:

- Oct 1; Oct 4 - 8; Oct 11 - 15
- S all salmon except coho
- S minimum size limit: 26 inches TL

General Commercial Regulations

- S **Single point, single shank barbless hooks are required.**
- S **No more than 6 lines are allowed per vessel.**
- S **Compliance with minimum size or other special restrictions:** All salmon on board a vessel must meet the minimum size or other special requirements for the area being fished and the area in which they are landed if that area is open. Salmon may be landed in an area that is closed only if they meet the minimum size and other special requirements for the area in which they were caught AND it is not otherwise prohibited in the regulations.
- S **Transit through closed area with salmon on board:** It is unlawful for a vessel to have troll gear in the water while transiting any area closed to salmon fishing while possessing salmon.
- S **Barbless circle hooks¹ required when fishing with bait and fishing by any means other than trolling²**
 1. A **CIRCLE HOOK** is defined as a hook with a generally circular shape and a point which turns inwards, pointing directly to the shank at a 90-degree angle.
 2. **TROLLING** is defined as angling from a boat or floating device that is making way by means of a source of power, other than drifting by means of the prevailing water current or weather conditions.



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